

THE FINANCIAL YEAR

The following summary compiled from the Society's Annual Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1973, will make clear to you our financial position.

TOTAL INCOME WAS	\$71,507
Subscriptions and donations	10,965
Allocations	2,565
Retiring Collections	644
"Pioneer" subscriptions	622
Field work	40,341
Gross profit — Bookshop	16,415
Interest	133
Less loss on sale of vehicle	(178)

TOTAL EXPENDITURE WAS	\$72,650
Salaries	38,482
Training College	7,794
Staff Welfare	3,713
Bookshop costs	12,047
Office expenses etc.	7,581
General expenses and travelling	1,170
Board and lodging	1,863
Depreciation	549

This left a DEFICIT on operations of				
Legacies received	1,272			\$1,143
Dividends from investments	635			
Less Deficit		1,143		764
Capital:				
At beginning of year				89,866
At end of year				90,630

FUNDS EMPLOYED WERE:	
Capital	\$90,630
General Reserve	3,304
Trusts	4,399
	\$98,333
EMPLOYMENT OF FUNDS:	
Fixed Assets	
Land and buildings	83,127
Furniture, fittings, vehicles, etc.	15,154
	\$98,281
Investments	
Shares at cost	5,001
Current Assets	
Stocks at cost	\$13,593
Deposit at call	40
Cash at Bank	
General	
Staff Provident Fund	1,289
Debtors	3,986
	\$18,908
DEDUCT:	
Current Liabilities	
Bank Overdraft (secured)	11,813
Trade creditors	3,101
Accrued expenses	5,226
Loan — Interest Free	32
Car Finance Board	3,685
	\$23,857
LESS:	
Current Liabilities in excess of Current Assets—June 1973	4,949
	\$98,333



A Message from our Chairman

The Right Reverend F. O. Hulme-Moir

Modern life is desperately in need of the sense of personal responsibility. With so many promises of assistance from the Government we have grown used to turning to the State for the solution of all our problems. However, the Church Army's problems needing financial aid, cannot be met by the State, but only by men and women of the Church who accept their stewardship before God. Jesus teaches the doctrine of personal responsibility — a principle without which there could be no moral universe. In keeping with this he tells how each one of us will be called to explain the fidelity with which we handled the possession entrusted to us.

His challenge to responsible stewardship has a broader implication than merely the matter of money, of course. But there is a danger that in "broadening" our interpretation of Scripture, we shall lose sight of its essential economic consideration. Unless we can be entrusted to administer our money according to the Christian ethic, we can hardly be trusted to be loyal to the larger implication of the Gospel.

The story of the talents comes to mind. Faithfulness was the standard by which all three men were judged. The man who said he was afraid to trade, in fear of loss, was told he could put his talents out for interest. It is part of God's justice never to expect the impossible.

The Church Army is having increasing calls made upon it by the Church for trained personnel to meet new and urgent opportunities to further the mission of the Church among people. Some calls are most challenging. We need immediate financial help to match this challenge. We don't expect the impossible from our friends, prayer partners and supporters, but we believe we can meet part of our financial needs in one special way.

Where some may not be able to extend their normal donation, yet they may be able to assist us to lessen our interest charges to the Bank by loaning us money interest free, available on call to the donor when required. At the moment this would be a tremendous relief to us. Interest free loans, to be repaid when called for, would not only lift us financially for the moment, but would add encouragement to our strong incentive to grasp our present opportunities for increased service for God. Faithfulness in this form of stewardship, however large or small the amount, lies within the power of every man. Your prayerful and generous consideration of this invitation to help will be greatly appreciated.

A PIONEERING VENTURE (continued)

tronic engineer. He had built a small workshop where he develops ways of making ever-changing patterns of strobe lighting for use at concerts and community functions. He was the only member of the counter-culture whom I found to be following the profession in which he had been trained. Many have completed study at tertiary level but most prefer to paint, weave, write plays, compose music, make pottery or grow vegetables.

PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Their gaiety and optimism are infectious, but their problems are also apparent. The children, their education and the effect of communal life; personal relationships; financial needs to which they close their eyes; the future, in the light of their own increasing age—all of these are very real or potential problems and, overshadowing them, is the spiritual hunger which cannot be satisfied by changing one's life-style. They are willing to talk, to open their hearts to a person they like and can trust. The door is open: it is a great opportunity for effective work.

John McKnight needs your prayers. His life is lonely, and, at this stage, there is little Christian fellowship for him to share. He lives alone and works alone. Pray for him: here lies his greatest need and your best opportunity to help him and share in his ministry.

He has other needs too: blankets, towels, bedlinen. People call unexpectedly, wanting to spend a night at the Butter Factory—a regular ministry exists there. Money is needed. Conditions at the Butter Factory are extremely primitive. John has a makeshift mattress on a concrete floor, no proper bathing or toilet facilities exist, no water supply is available. Improvements are needed to equip the centre as a place for Biblical teaching and Christian fellowship. But John's attention and time should be given to visitation and evangelism, not to renovation and rebuilding. Some who read this may be able to give material assistance.

This is the only work of its kind being undertaken by the Church in Australia. It deserves our interest and support.

A HELPFUL BOOK . . .

"PEOPLE UNDER PRESSURE" by John Poulton

The author follows his earlier book "A today sort of Evangelism" with his readable account of the varying pressures under which we live today. His question is: how does the Gospel become truly "good news" to people experiencing such pressures as affluence, permissiveness, the sense of alienation from all that goes on around us. The author tries to get his readers to think on after the chapter is closed so there are questions for discussion and suggestions for further reading.

Price: \$1.15, plus 20c postage.

OBtainable from THE CHURCH ARMY BOOKSHOP

From the Students

MORE CERTAIN THAN EVER



"Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (Romans 12:11 & 12). 'Praise the Lord', for His unending love and faithfulness which

He has unsparingly showered upon my wife Lyn, our son Anthony and me during this first year of training. God has constantly met our daily needs as we continue to seek His kingdom and righteousness.

We can honestly say, that at the end of the first year we are more certain than ever, that the Church Army is the centre of God's will for us at this time.

"God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). Lyn began the year working as a clerk at Port Kembla, but then, midway through the second college term, she was approached by the Headmistress of a girl's school in Wollongong to consider the vacancy of Housemistress for 40 boarders. We agreed that this was God's plan and so she began work at the school, where both she and Anthony live from Monday to Friday.

College life has been far more exciting than I had first expected it would be and the Christian fellowship is of a high standard. It has proved to be a great opportunity to learn more fully the Christian faith and how to apply it through the various channels of Evangelism to children, teenagers, factory workers and people of all walks of life. In October I sat for Th.A examinations in Church History, Prayer Book and New Testament.

My practical work has been in the parish of

Fairy Meadow, near Wollongong where the Rector has been a real help and back-stop to me while I am learning the ropes. The two, five-week periods of full-time parish work were undoubtedly high-points of the training year. During these periods I gained experience in preaching, conducting services, scripture teaching, training parishioners in door-to-door evangelism, and leading houseparties for teenagers.

I cannot think of anything more exciting and satisfying than to be called by Jesus to be an Evangelist for Him.

Kevin Cullen.

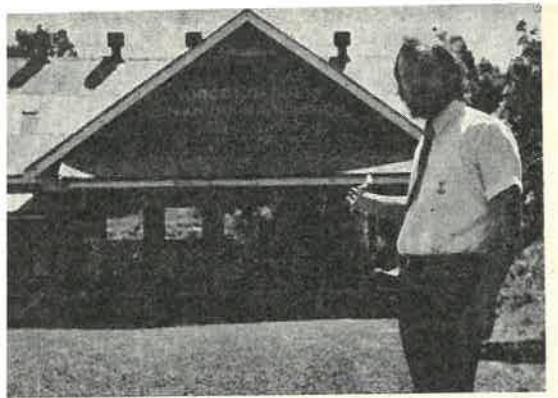
EQUIPPED FOR SERVICE



The two years of training has been a wonderful time of learning and gaining in confidence. I particularly enjoyed the special courses such as the Religious Instructors course at the Balmain Teachers College, the Industrial Chaplaincy training and the training in Counselling.

The practical experience gained in parish work was quite challenging. A good deal of this was in youth leadership activities. In the first parish I was able to observe and share in methods of youth evangelism such as Coffee Shop outreach. In the second parish the earlier experience proved invaluable as I found increasing opportunities for youth leadership. The latter part of this year in the parish work was spent mainly in strengthening the young Christians through Bible study, prayer, sharing in fellowship, and generally encouraging personal devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ. Some very encouraging results were seen through this building up of the faith of these young people.

College life and all aspects of the training, have
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A Pioneering Venture

by the Rev. T. Croft (Church Army Board Member)

A day spent with Captain John McKnight, visiting the Communes which comprise his field of work, is an interesting experience. Supporters of the Church Army know of the new outreach to the counter-culture; and beyond the Church Army there is a growing interest in this pioneering venture.

Using the old Binna Burra Butter Factory as his headquarters (rented for \$1.00 p.a.) John McKnight is reaching out to many of the thousands of young people who have rejected established society and are living in the foothills of the ranges adjacent to the far north coast of N.S.W.

COMMUNE DWELLERS

"Commune" is a loose word describing groups of people, often only two, but ranging up to fifty or more in a complete village, living in anything from tree houses to the very popular rented farm houses otherwise unused on former dairy farms. The communes vary greatly: the common factor is the desire of members to find a simple way of life, endeavouring to accept each other lovingly, living close to nature, eating organic foods, working with their hands at creative tasks, bartering their produce. They are friendly and easy-going for they believe in the enjoyment of life.

I set out with John to visit a number of communes where contact had already been made. The first three visits were to farm houses situated on remote, dusty country tracks which appeared to lead nowhere in particular. Two brothers live on one property: they make surf boards for the Sydney market. Their work is profitable so they bought the farm and are able to make overseas trips to promote their interests.

Not far away, at another farm, a husband and wife grow vegetables — being vegetarians, they can keep themselves in food by subsistence farming. It is a matter of principle not to use chemical fertilisers or pesticides. Their other expenses were met from the capital they had accumulated before opting out of society. One day they will exhaust their savings but their expenses are not great and that day seems a long way off. Most members of the alternative culture prefer not to plan into the future.

The third stop was at an old farm house occupied by two girls. One admits to having no practical skills so she grows fruit and vegetables. The other is an artist in cloth dyeing, working with skill and painstaking care to achieve intricate patterns of vivid colour. The finished works, hanging on the walls in the old timber house, transform it into a gallery of modern art. The parents of one of the girls were on a short visit from Sydney. I found the father sitting in a battered cane chair on the rickety verandah, drawing on a cigarette, a can of beer beside him on the floor. He seemed bewildered and perplexed as to why a daughter of his had adopted this life-style in these surroundings. Perhaps, as an outside observer, one could see, and understand.

About twenty miles away, on a block of ground with a breathtaking view over the rich valleys to the coast, two former teachers, husband and wife, make pottery in kilns which they designed and built. One can see at a glance the exceptional quality of their pottery. Pieces they have made are in many gal-

Extracts from the Federal Secretary's Annual Report

EXECUTIVE BOARD: The Aims and Objectives Committee, under the Chairmanship of Bishop F. O. Hulme-Moir, was formed last March and its findings should be of great importance in helping to determine the future policies and development of the Church Army in the areas of recruitment, training and ministry.

New Fund — The Church Army in Australia "John S. Cowland" Fund was established last December as a tax deductible fund to provide finance for short stay accommodation for various categories of people in need. Our founder was delighted to have his name used in the title of this new fund.

PERSONNEL AND ACTIVITIES : Active officers at the beginning of the year numbered 25, 3 new officers were Commissioned and, during the year, 2 officers resigned, thus leaving us with 26 officers. A number of new appointments took place during the year, all of which helped to strengthen the effective outreach of our Society in the work of Evangelism and Christian service. Those of particular note were Captain Quayle from part-time to full-time work as an Industrial Evangelist, Captain Eland as a Youth Worker with the Sydney City Mission, The Rev. Captain N. Polgen to the staff of the St. George's Homes for Boys in Rockhampton and Sister Rilatt to the new housing area of Lockridge/Eden Hill in Perth. Mention must also be made of the initiative shown by Captain McKnight, who was appointed to the Ballina parish in 1971, in his evangelistic outreach to 'hippies,' 'surfers' and commune dwellers in the north coast area of N.S.W. This ministry to "Alternative Culture" groups is of special significance and may well become a major aspect of the Society's future work.

Women's Auxiliaries — The Auxiliaries in Sydney and Newcastle contributed a total of \$1,531.00 to the work of the Society. This is the largest amount raised so far, and we are greatly indebted to all

the members for their hard work in achieving such a good result. Included in this total were \$350 towards floor coverings, etc., for the Federal Secretary's new house and \$500 towards the cost of Captain McKnight's special work, from the Sydney Auxiliary.

TRAINING COLLEGE: Once again wide use was made of external courses and these included the Sydney Diocesan Youth Leadership Training Course, Child Evangelism, Pastoral Counselling, Industrial Chaplaincy and Primary School Scripture Teaching. Additional special lectures were given at the College by Dr. A. Coster on "The use and abuse of drugs," by Mr. Peter Watson of the Religious Film Society on "Up-dating visual aids," and by the Rev. J. Thompson on "Modern Heresies."

Serious thought is being given to improving the College premises and making them as satisfactory as possible for the accommodation of both single and married students and staff. Immediate and long-range planning is being undertaken by the recently formed Property and Development Committee. Great improvements have been made in the Library/Lecture Room by the provision of additional shelving and cupboards. The whole cost of this work was met by a special grant of \$300 from the "Walter & Eliza Hall" Trust for which we were most grateful.

BOOKSHOP: Another very satisfactory year was accomplished under the able and enthusiastic leadership of the Manager, Captain Neil Payne. Total sales were \$43,133 which represents a 12.7% increase over the previous year. This increased figure was brought about partly by higher prices but also by new business, especially through sales to State and Church schools in the greater Newcastle area. Bookstalls were also provided for parish missions and in the Newcastle Diocese, at a large number of Confirmation services.

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THE WORLD WIDE CHURCH ARMY:

The Church Army was founded in England in 1882 by Prebendary Wilson Carlile. It is a lay society of men and women Evangelists of the Anglican Communion. Other autonomous societies were founded in the U.S.A. in 1927, Canada 1928, Australia 1934, New Zealand 1935, Eastern Africa 1962, Jamaica 1969. Officers from some of these societies are also at work in Germany, South America, Malaysia, South Africa, British Honduras, Cyprus, Holland and West Pakistan.

WHERE WE SERVE . . .

FEDERAL OFFICE

Captain R. L. Gwilt (Federal Secretary) and Mrs. Gwilt.

TRAINING COLLEGE

The Rev. D. G. Livingstone (Honorary Warden).
Captain F. D. Clarke (Training College Officer and Candidates' Secretary).

PARISH EVANGELISTS

Sister E. Campbell, St. Andrew's, Riverwood, N.S.W.
Captain K. A. Donaldson, St. Barnabas', Kalamunda, W.A.
Captain L. and Mrs. Fernance, Whalan, N.S.W.
Sister P. A. Free, St. Thomas', Toowong, Qld.
Captain D. W. Hinchliffe (waiting appointment).
Captain R. & Mrs. King, Holy Trinity, Erskineville, N.S.W.
Captain S. Lister, St. Mary's, Denham Court, N.S.W.
Captain B. and Mrs. Mattinson, St. Peter's, Campbelltown, N.S.W.
Sister B. J. Rilatt, Lockridge/Eden Hill, Perth, W.A.
Captain M. and Mrs. Tobin, Cootamundra, N.S.W.
Captain R. G. and Mrs. Wallis, Holy Trinity, Kingsford, N.S.W.

BOOKSHOP, NEWCASTLE

Captain N. A. R. Payne (Manager) and Mrs. Payne.

SPECIAL OUTREACH

Captain J. McKnight, Binna Burra, N.S.W.
("Alternative Culture" groups evangelism).

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK

Sister E. N. Bacon, St. Cuthbert's Homes, Colac, Vic.

Sister N. J. Bridges, Matron, Farr House, Springfield, S.A.

Captain W. A. Darnley, St. George's Homes, Rockhampton, Qld.

Captain R. and Mrs. Eland, Community Centre, Green Valley, N.S.W.

Captain R. and Mrs. Harris, Youth Director, Green Valley (New Housing Areas), N.S.W.

Captain J. and Mrs. Joy (Warden & Matron) "Burgmann House" Hostel, Newcastle, N.S.W.

The Rev. Captain N. Polgen, St. George's Homes, Rockhampton, Qld.

HOSPITAL WORK

Sister I. B. Johnson, Newcastle, N.S.W.

ABORIGINAL WORK

Captain A. and Mrs. Malcolm, Brewarrina, N.S.W.

Captain A. Polgen, Sydney, N.S.W.

INDUSTRIAL EVANGELISM

Captain D. O. Quayle, Alcan Pty. Ltd., Granville, and Cabramatta, N.S.W.

RETIRIED OFFICERS

The Rev. J. S. Cowland and Mrs. Cowland, The Rev. A. W. Batley and Mrs. Batley, Captain C. Fisk and Mrs. Fisk, Sister G. A. Phillpot, Sister M. Pritchard.

STUDENTS IN TRAINING

AUSTRALIA: Cadet K. Cullen; Student Sisters: J. Leslie, L. Dorrington.

NEW ZEALAND: Cadets D. Pask, R. Dyer.